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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chief Richard Stanley of the Wareham Police Department is announcing the creation of a new Citizens Participation Program. This program will be made up of citizens from the neighborhoods of Wareham that have a desire to improve their neighborhoods and create a better quality of life.

Sgt. Kevin Walsh and Sgt. John Walcek will be the leaders of this effort to foster a positive relationship between the citizens of Wareham and the men and women of the Wareham Police Department.

“We will begin instituting the program by going directly into the neighborhoods, listening to concerns, building relationships, and working toward bringing about results that benefit everyone”, stated Sgt. Walsh.

The citizen volunteers will be the eyes and the ears of the Wareham Police Department, reporting criminal activity and suspicious activity that will then be investigated. This involvement will ultimately lead to a reduction in crime throughout the neighborhoods and throughout the Town.

Chief Stanley will be discussing this program with a group of citizens who have been actively involved in community activities in the past. The meeting is planned for 10:00 a.m. Saturday Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at the RLDS Campground Community building. Chief Stanley has invited Town Administrator Mark Andrews and members of the Board of Selectmen to attend.

Chief Stanley will be announcing additional meetings that will be involving more and more citizens of the Town who have a genuine interest in making this a better community to live and work in. These future meetings will be highly publicized in the local media and on the Wareham Police web site.

“This initial meeting will be the first of many community events designed to strengthen and reinforce the bond between the Police Department and the citizens that we serve”, stated Sgt. Walcek.

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